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Director's Meeting

Friday, 7 March 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, Earman

The Director:

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a. Noted that he had spent about two hours last evening with a certain individual and the conversation had "gone well".

b. Briefly discussed his conversation with Ambassador Wiley concerning aid for Panama and noted that Wiley thoroughly understood that the political portions of the recent estimate on Panama was, in fact, prepared by State and expressed the views of the Panama desk.

c. Read a letter he had received from Admiral Radford which indicated that (1) Radford was thoroughly in accord with our activities in his area; (2) He will give us all possible support.

d. Briefly discussed an item from today's CIB concerning the [redacted] foreign minister.

Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted that he was meeting with some of the Labor people today and that at the moment everything was going quite well with one exception, which he discussed briefly. This led to a discussion of our purchase of [redacted] and the Director stated we should take advantage of the best discount we could get.

b. Stated that (1) Ambassador Wiley had been "thrashing about" in an attempt to get the Labor people to send some representatives to Panama; (2) So far we had kept out of this and intended to do so in the future. The DCI approved.

c. Referred to a memorandum to Gen. Bolling concerning a six million dollar building for [redacted] and stated he did not believe we should support to the construction of the building. The Director stated this should be handled by advising Bolling that we were in accord with the plans for [redacted] in time of war; however, we were unable to comment at the present time. Mr. Becker undertook to redraft the above memorandum.

d. Noted that he had had a short talk with [redacted] who gave a good report of our activities.

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Mr. Dulles (Cont'd.)

e. Stated that he had had a good talk with Ambassador MacVeagh. The Director said he also wanted to see MacVeagh before he leaves for his new station in order to give him the complete story [redacted] DCI will see him at 11 A.M. 10 March

f. Noted that at yesterday's Senior Staff meeting [redacted] had informed him that Col. Edward Black, who was known to both D/DCI and DU/P, was coming in to assist Gen. Magruder.

Mr. Wolf noted that Trubee Davison was much improved.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Noted the item in the Log pertaining to [redacted] and stated he proposed to move in on this with [redacted] The DCI approved. In this connection, Mr. Wisner undertook to prepare an answer to a letter from [redacted] to the DCI. The Director also asked Mr. Wisner to draft a letter to Mr. Luce thanking him for making [redacted] available to us..

b. Noted that Ross, a NEW YORK TIMES Correspondent, Egypt, was causing us some concern and that he would speak to Arthur Krock on this. The DCI approved.

c. Stated that the "bacteriological warfare front" in Korea was building up and that we were hammering away at this. The Director stated that he was somewhat concerned over the effect of this propaganda on the Europeans and suggested that Radio Free Europe go after this "about every 15 minutes." Report on this made to DCI on 12 March 1952.

d. Noted that the Communist press was working over [redacted] visit to the U.S. and, in fact, was linking it with the Tony Leviero articles on psychological warfare.

Mr. Hedden:

a. Noted the item in the Log concerning [redacted] letter re the Davies' matter and stated that, in his opinion, this should come to CIA for delivery to the McCarran Committee. The DCI approved.

b. Noted that he had seen ~~Congressman~~ Senator Dirksen and reported his offer of assistance to us. The DCI agreed to have Dirksen in for lunch at some future date.

Mr. Becker briefly discussed a communication sent by Park Armstrong to the members of the Brownell Committee.

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